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Letters From Schools

Letters from the children of the schools are continually coming in. It will be seen that the youngsters are deeply interested in their work and they are also good letter-writers. Some of the articles written for this paper have spoken of the contest beginning with the Spring term. This was a technical error. The contest starts with the Winter term, which opens soon after the New Year. One of the last lot of letters follows:

Honokohau School, Kailua, Hawaii, December 5, 1907.
Editor Evening Bulletin.
Dear Sir:—We pupils of the Honokohau School are trying to win the Bulletin prize. Every Friday we clean our schoolyard. We, the girls, plant flowers and we try to make the yard look as neat as possible. The boys plant onions, cabbages, watermelons and other vegetables. Our yard is full of several kinds of flowers and it looks very pretty.
I will close my letter.
Truly yours,
JENNIE KAIHE,
Fourth Grade.

Honokohau School, Kailua, Hawaii, December 5, 1907.
Editor Evening Bulletin.
Dear Sir:—We, the pupils of the Honokohau school, are trying to win the Bulletin prize.
The boys are working on the walks to make them look nice.
Our school-yard looks very neat. The girls plant flowers. The boys have vegetable gardens of their own. Each boy tries to have the best garden.

Among the plants in our flower garden are roses, geraniums, lilies, begonias, nasturtiums, gingers and dahlias. The geraniums are in bloom all the year around, and when the other flowers open, they present a very pretty sight.
Every Friday, girls and boys work very hard.
I will close here.
Truly yours,
ROSA HENRY,
Fourth Grade.
Kealahou Public School, Nov. 22, 1907.

To the Editor of the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu.
Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, it was unanimously voted "That the Kealahou School enter the competition for the prize offered by the Bulletin to the public schools of the Islands for the best results in agricultural work for a period beginning with the opening of the Winter term and ending at the close of the school year."
It was also voted that a vote of thanks be extended to the Evening Bulletin for the kind offer.
Yours truly,
MARY ARUDA,
County Clerk.

Kealahou Public School, Nov. 26, 1907.
To the Editor of the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu.
Dear Sir:—Your notice in the Evening Bulletin of the prize you offer for the best results in agricultural work in the public schools of Hawaii came to us as a pleasant surprise.
We have one of the prettiest school yards on Maui and perhaps the largest school garden, so we believe that we can fulfill the conditions you may have to offer and win the prize.

We have several kinds of trees growing in our yard. We have eucalyptus, black wattle and cypress trees. We also have several beds of flowers and each girl of the advanced grades takes charge of a pot of flowers.
The sanitary inspectors look after the neatness and healthy condition of our yard and make weekly reports to the Supervisors.
The school garden is in charge of a manager who also makes reports of the progress of the garden.
Manuel Cravinho is the manager. He is a good farmer and we are pleased with his management. A portion of the school garden is at present ready for planting whatever you may wish us to plant.
Thanking you for the offer, I am,
Yours truly,
HELEN CORREA,
Chairman, Board of Supervisors.

Laupahoehoe, T. H., Dec. 13, 1907.
Mr. W. R. Farrington, Editor of the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu, Oahu.
Dear Sir:—The gardens are very neat in appearance because we take good care of them.
I have a garden, and I have many kinds of flowers planted in it. The different kinds are carnations, Chinese asters, geraniums, calliopsis, and many other kinds.
Along the side of my garden near the pathway, I have a row of double sunflowers. They are very large and pretty.
We elected a manager, a head-luna and four lunas. Annie Kim Fook is our manager; Hanako Okamura is the head-luna. Seichi Mukai and Abel Mattoon are the lunas of the boys. Shizuyo Ueki and I are the lunas of the girls.
One of our lunas has a pond of water-crests.
Joe Martins takes charge of the shovels and o-oos. Kua takes charge of the hoes and rakes. Keala takes charge of the mattocks this week.
The boys made a pathway of pebbles from the school gate to our teachers' cottage.
As I have nothing more to tell I shall close my letter now and remain,
Yours respectfully,
MARY NOBRIGA,
Fifth Grade; A Luna.

Laupahoehoe School, Dec. 13, 1907.
Mr. W. R. Farrington, Honolulu, T.H.
Dear Sir:—I take the liberty of telling you something about our school farm. The children take good care of their gardens.
We have many rocks in our farm but we do not give up and the boys are digging up rocks every day.
The boys hammered the school yard rocks and now we could play ball in the yard without hurting our feet.

The boys made two gates in the cottage yard; one is in front and the other is on the east side.
We have a rain-gauge to measure the amount of precipitation. Last Friday we went to the landing to bid farewell to our Acting-Governor, E. A. Mott-Smith. He took our picture and we sang "Aloha Oe" to him as the boat departed from the wharf.
We would like to see our letters in the newspaper.
I remain,
Yours very truly,
SHIZUYO UEKI,
Fourth Grade; A Luna.

Laupahoehoe, Dec. 13, 1907.
To the Editor of the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu.
Dear Sir:—The girls are anxious to see their flowers growing and blooming. The boys are working hard every day on their farms and so with the girls on their gardens. The boys are taking away all the stones and rubbish.
We water the plants every morning before school hours.
I had some ironwood seeds and I planted them in my garden and they have grown about one inch.
We officers chose new tool-keepers for this week.
Yesterday some of the boys went down to the sea-beach to gather pebbles for the path-way in the cottage yard.
In one of our meetings we framed the following, signed by the officers: One of the best assets which any school can have is clean pathways, roads, yard and gardens. They make the school more beautiful, more comfortable, and healthier to live in; make it look prosperous and up-to-date and attractive to the public.
We ask all pupils to join in a united effort to improve our school-grounds and gardens.
Thanking you for your kind offer, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
ANNIE KIM FOOK,
Fifth Grade; Manager.

Laupahoehoe, Dec. 13, 1907.
Mr. W. R. Farrington, Editor of the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu.
Gentlemen:—With the greatest of pleasure I pen you these few lines to tell you about the Laupahoehoe School. We had lots of rocks in our farm.
We have a rain gauge and we measure the amount of precipitation every morning at 9:15.
The boys made the cottage yard level and they made a front gate and a back gate. The boys smashed the rocks and filled the hollows with soil. Now we do not hurt our feet when we run about in the playground. And we drained the water out of the pond and we filled it up with rocks and soil.
We went down to the landing to visit Mr. E. A. Mott-Smith, the Acting-Governor, and he took our picture and we sang songs to him; then we came back to school.
On Wednesday we received the picture which Mr. Mott-Smith had taken of us. It is a fine picture. We are very glad to see the picture.
Yours truly,
SEGEKI SAKAMOTO,
Fourth Grade; A Busy Farmer.

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The boys cleared all the rocks in the school yard, and the pond that was in the school yard was filled with stones and soil.
We have a rain-gauge and we measure rainfall every morning.
The boys have a baseball team, and the girls have a basketball team.
Last Friday the Acting-Governor visited our school, and we went down the landing to see him off. We bade him good-bye and he took a picture of us and we received the picture by the Kinau. We are very pleased with it.
I have nothing more to say, so I close and remain,
Yours truly,
HANAKO OKAMURA,
Fourth Grade; Head Luna.

Laupahoehoe, T. H., Dec. 13, 1907.
To the Editor of the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu.
Dear Sir:—Our school gardens are covered with stones, and we are going to take them all away. Some of the boys and girls are very glad to work in their gardens. There are many kinds of vegetables growing. The teacher is very glad to see the girls and boys work.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas, I close and remain,
Yours truly,
DAVID KIM FOOK,
Fourth Grade; A Wide-Awake Farmer.

Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, Dec. 13, 1907.
To the Editor of the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu, T. H.
Dear Sir:—We are trying our very best to keep our gardens clean. Some of the girls wish to plant vegetables. This week we did not plant any. We must take away all the rubbish from our gardens and we must take away the stones and grass from the farm. Some of the boys whitewashed the school-house and now is very neat in appearance. We appointed Keala to look after mattocks, Kua for hoes and rakes and Joe Matines, shovels and o-oos. All the plants are growing very fine.
The boys are working very hard. I must close my letter.
Yours truly,
MISAU OMON,
Fourth Grade; A Gardener.

Laupahoehoe School, Hawaii, Dec. 9, 1907.
Editor of the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu.
Dear Sir:—I am writing to you this letter to tell you that our trees, flowers and vegetables are growing fine. We are all satisfied with our gardens, for every day we are making better and better.
Last week I was anxious to get a vegetable garden, so I asked the farm manager for a small lot. I am very glad to work on my new vegetable garden. I have already received some seeds and cabbage seeds from my mother.
I think that in the near future our gardens will have a more beautiful appearance. We are all trying our very best to get all the rubbish away from the farm.
Some time ago our teacher told us that the best kind of vegetables to plant are onions, radishes, cabbages, beets, squash and cucumbers.
My partner is Annie Meyer. Our garden is all dug up and it is ready to be planted. It is about nine feet square.
I think this is all I can tell you this week.
Yours, under the "Red, White and Blue,"
JOSEPHINE KOT,
A Wide-Awake Farmer.

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